



City of Santa Barbara

H. THOMAS GUERRY AWARD FOR VALOR

THOMAS ECCLES, SANTA BARBARA POLICE OFFICER

Officer Tom Eccles is a 22-year veteran with the Santa Barbara Police Department. During his career he has served this department as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, and Detective. Officer Eccles is currently assigned to the Patrol Division as a Patrol Officer.

Officer Eccles responded to a burglary alarm at Mac's Grog and Groc where he discovered a broken window and viewed the surveillance tape showing the suspect committing the crime. The video tape only provided a clothing description of the suspect.

When Officer Eccles checked the area, he recognized a parolee, Albert Corbett, wearing clothing shown in the video. As he approached Corbett, Corbett began to act suspicious. Officer Eccles knew that Corbett had a lengthy criminal history and had been in prison several times for violent attacks on police officers.

While waiting for back-up officers, Officer Eccles kept a casual conversation with Corbett, when he suddenly tried to stab Officer Eccles with a knife. As the back-up officer arrived, Officer Eccles was able to use his "taser" gun on Corbett's back. He was taken into custody and charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer and attempted burglary.

Officer Eccles' actions of bravery, restraint and professionalism during this violent confrontation resulted in another successful arrest of this extremely dangerous felon.

It is for this reason that **OFFICER THOMAS ECCLES** is hereby awarded the "**H. THOMAS GUERRY AWARD FOR VALOR.**"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marty Blum, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby recognize and honor **Tom Eccles** for his sincere and sustained dedication to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, to be affixed this 6th day of June, 2007.


MARTY BLUM, MAYOR



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